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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 038788.52643US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **ARTICLE SUPERIOR IN MAKING WATERDROPS SLIP DOWN SURFACE  
THEREOF AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUCH ARTICLE**

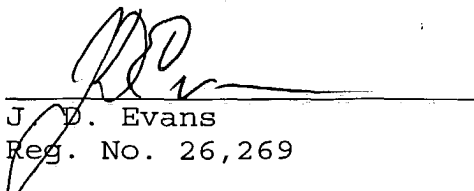
Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.
2. Specification, including 17 claims (39 pages). *partially in Japanese*
3. 1 Sheet of Formal Drawings showing Fig. 1.
4. Certified copy of Priority Documents  
2002-220665 filed in Japan on July 30, 2002,  
2003-040237 filed in Japan on February 18, 2003,  
2003-040238 filed in Japan on February 18, 2003,  
2003-113085 filed in Japan on April 17, 2003, and  
2003-155171 filed in Japan on May 30, 2003  
the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119  
and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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